

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (currently amended): A method for obtaining a slab of agglomerate stone, comprising:

crushing a plurality of stone materials as to form an agglomerate;

mixing the crushed materials while simultaneously adding at least one binding resin as to obtain a homogeneous agglomerate mix;

pouring the homogenous agglomerate mix onto a shaped die until the shaped die is full as to form a panel of homogenous agglomerate mix, the shaped die having in the base a first layer of polyethylene-coated paper;

covering the shaped die with a second layer of polyethylene-coated paper;

pressing and compacting the panel of homogeneous agglomerate mix in the shaped die;

hardening the panel at a predetermined temperature; and

separating the second layer of polyethylene-coated paper from the panel by lifting and removing the second layer of polyethylene-coated paper substantially in a single piece, leaving the panel with an antique-look surface in view; and

polishing the panel to obtain an impermeable surface layer on the antique-look surface of the panel.

Claim 11 (Canceled)

Claim 12 (Currently amended): The method according to claim 2 10, wherein the panel is polished using titanium grinding wheels designed not to alter the configuration of the antique-look surface of the panel.

Claim 13 (Currently amended): The method according to claim 4 10, wherein the polyethylene-coated paper is impregnated with sprayed polyethylene.

Claim 14 (Withdrawn): An agglomerate stone slab having evenly distributed ridges and depressions which provide an antique look, the agglomerate stone slab having an impermeable surface layer, the agglomerate stone slab having smooth, regular and squared edges, the agglomerate stone slab made by a method according to claim 1.

Claim 15 (Currently amended): The method according to claim 5 12, wherein the polyethylene-coated paper is impregnated with sprayed polyethylene.